

Interview Summary	Application No. 09/868,554	Applicant(s) IMAGAWA ET AL.	
	Examiner Gregory M. Desire	Art Unit 2624	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Gregory M. Desire. (3)_____.

(2) Applicant's representative Shahpar Shahpar. (4)_____.

Date of Interview: 14 April 2006.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: Claims 1, 9, 16, 18, 19 and 21.

Identification of prior art discussed: NA.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The examiner called applicant's representative regarding USC 101 issues and lack of support of the means function in claim 16. Applicant's representative directed the examiner to figure 1, CPU 110, memory 140, distance table 150 and pattern dictionary 160 as to performing the means of claims 16. Also, stating the practical application of the invention is search method for determining character matches.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.



Examiner's signature, if required